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REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Response to Restriction Requirement. Elected claims 51 and 52 are amended to clarify their language. New claims 56-74 are added. Support for new claims 56-74 is provided throughout the application, e.g., support for claim 56 is found at page 10, line 7; support for claims 57 and 58 is at page 10, lines 16-24; support claim 59 is at page 10, lines 20-23; support for claim 60 is at page 11, lines 4-5; support for claim 61 is at page 46, lines 11-13; support for claim 62 is at page 10, lines 23-25 and page 48, lines 2-3; support for claims 63 and 64 is at page 47, lines 8-11; support for claims 65 and 66 is at page 10, line 26-page 11, lines 2-3; support for claim 67 is at page 11, lines 2-3; support for claim 68 is at page 10, lines 30-31 and page 47, lines 22-29; support for claims 69-73 is found at page 10, line 26-page 11, line 11; and support for claim 74 is at page 10, lines 31-32. No new matter is added by the amendment.

CONCLUSION

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment. Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 referencing attorney docket no. 10363-003004.

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the claims:

Claims 51 and 52 have been amended as follows:

- 51. (Amended once) A method of treating an MKK-mediated disorder in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a reagent that modulates MKK activity.
- 52. (Amended once) The method of claim 51, wherein the [said] MKK-mediated disorder is selected from the group consisting of ischemic heart disease, kidney failure, oxidative liver damage, respiratory distress syndrome, burns from heat, [and] radiation burns, septic shock, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune disorders, and inflammatory diseases.

Claims 1, 32 to 44, and 50 have been canceled.

New claims 56 to 74 have been added.

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